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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS AS OF DECEMBER 15, 1940

Cold storage holdings of frozen domestic and imported fishery products in the United States amounted to 98,338,000 pounds on December 15, 1940, according to summaries released today in Statistical Bulletin No. 1408 by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, based on statistics furnished by the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture.

This represents an increase of 807,000 pounds when compared with the (revised) total of 97,531,000 pounds in cold storage on November 15. It also indicates an increase of 5,907,000 pounds, or 6 percent, over the December 15, 1939 figure of 92,431,000 pounds; and of 14 percent over the five-year average of 86,556,000 pounds at this date.

The quantity of fish frozen during the month ended December 15, 1940 amounted to 16,253,000 pounds, which is 5,136,000 pounds, or 24 percent, less than the production during the same period a year ago, but 316,000 pounds, or 2 percent, above the five-year average.

Heaviest frozen holdings by species show halibut (all trade sizes) at 10.8 million pounds; with whiting (9.1 million pounds); and mackerel (except Spanish) with 7.5 million pounds, in that order. Among frozen shellfish, shrimp (7.2 million pounds) predominated, with scallops (1.7 million pounds) next.

Greatest holdings by sections show New England (28.5 million pounds) leading, with the Pacific area (23 million pounds) in second place, followed by Middle Atlantic (New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania) with 16.3 million pounds, and the North Central East section (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin) with 15.9 million pounds.

Other items in the bulletin give 20.5 million pounds of cured herring, and 4.8 million pounds of mild-cured salmon, on hand as of December 15. Included, also, is a note stating that the Dominion of Canada report shows the following fresh frozen fish on hand as of December 1, 1940; halibut--4,462,074 pounds; mackerel--2,117,567 pounds; salmon--10,748,674 pounds; sea herring--7,648,249 pounds; whitefish--592,384 pounds; cod fillets--1,898,964 pounds; all other varieties--9,104,490 pounds.

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